REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Amendment Claims 1, 7, 9, and 13 are amended. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 9-21 and page 13, lines 3-18.

This Amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which, after final rejection, permits entering of amendments. This Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the January 16, 2007 Office Action, Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,392,669 to Matoba et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,765 to Pietropaolo et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,353,794 to Davis et al. Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al., Davis et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,414,686 to Protheroe et al. Claims 6, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al., Davis et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,538,665 to Crow et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Before considering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103, it is believed that a brief review of the subject matter of the independent claims would be helpful. In this regard, independent Claim 1 is directed to a reservation registration apparatus for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. A display controller is configured to display on a display screen a plurality of reservation subject icons representing the reservation subjects and a time display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration. When the reservation subject

icon is moved onto the time based display area, a reservation information display division is displayed in a pop-up display at a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation information display division displays information corresponding to a location on said time base display area to which said reservation subject icon is moved. A controlling mechanism is configured to perform the information reservation registration taking a time according to the information displayed in the reservation information display division on the time base display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject. A selection mechanism is configured to receive input media for the arbitrary reservation subject. The input media has at least one component. The selection mechanism operates to select and mix formats of the at least one component of the media. A conversion mechanism appropriately converts the formats of the at least one component of the media so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed. A process control mechanism is configured to control a power supply and to control the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Independent Claim 7 is directed to a method of reservation registration for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. A plurality of reservation subject icons representing the reservation subjects and a time based display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration are displayed on the display screen. When the reservation subject icon is moved onto the time based display area, a reservation information display division is displayed in pop-up display at a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation information display division displays information corresponding to a location on said time base display area to which said reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation registration is performed taking a time

according to information displayed in the reservation information display division on the time based display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject. Input media for the arbitrary reservation subject is received where the input media has at least one component. Formats of the at least one component of the media are selected and mixed. Formats of the at least one component of the media are appropriately converted so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed. A power supply and the performance of the reservation subject is controlled according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Claim 13 is directed to, *inter alia*, a computer readable medium storing computer program instructions.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matoba et al. in view of Pietropaolo et al. and Davis et al., neither Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al., nor Davis et al. disclose or suggest a process control mechanism configured to supply power and to control the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time as in amended independent Claim 1 or control a power supply and a performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time as in amended independent Claims 8 and 13. As discussed in the specification at page 13, line 3 et seq., a microcontroller board 75 has direct connections established with the power supply division and the microcontroller 89 is always in operation even in a powered-off state of the main unit 2. The microcontroller 89 controls the power supply division and starts to supply power to the main unit 2. As discussed at page 34, line 4 et seq. the microcontroller 89 operates based on reservation setting information stored in the self-contained memory. If starting date and time set in the reservation setting information come, the microcontroller starts up the powered-off main unit 2 to implement the reservation subject, or execute a program set by the personal timer.

Matoba et al. is merely directed to a schedule management system and does not provide control of anything outside the management system. Pietropaolo et al. is directed to an apparatus for editing video. The times related to the start times of the video segments do not relate to control of a power supply. Davis et al. is directed to managing integrated real time information of flight trips and does not relate to control of the power supply.

Neither Protheroe et al. nor Crow et al. cure the deficiencies of Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al. and Davis et al. as discussed above.

The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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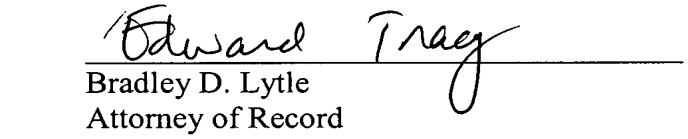

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